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ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1891.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Express of India [Tuesday] 8th Dec.
Empress of Japan [Tuesday] 1st Jan.
Empress of China [Tuesday] 2nd Feb.
The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF INDIA,
5,000 tons, Captain O. P. MARSHALL,
R. N. R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the
8th December, with Her Majesty's Mail,
will proceed to VANCOUVER, MASHANG-
HAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKO-
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RATES OF PASSAGE
(In Mexican Dollars).
From HONGKONG, FIRST CLASS.

TO	ON WAY	Prepaid Return
	4	12 Mos.
Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, B.C., San Fran- cisco, Sacramento, San Jose, San Fran- cisco, Ore., San Francisco.	225	333 304
Buffalo, Calcutta, Alba	255	383 487
Winnipeg, Man.	275	413 482
Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Minn.	285	428 499
Chicago, Ill., Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo.	295	443 517
Milwaukee, Wis.		
Detroit, Mich., Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, O.		
Hamilton, London, Toronto, Ont.		
Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y.		
Kingston, Ottawa, Ont.		
Montreal, Quebec, Que.		
New York, Albany, Troy, Rochester, N.Y.		
Baltimore, Md., Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Pa.		
Washington, D.C., Boston, Mass., Portland, Me.		
Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B.		
Liverpool, and London via Liverpool.	325	575 650
Paris via Liverpool and London.	345	
Havre, via Liverpool	355	not listed
Bremen, Hamburg	365	
	385	

Third class steamer and 1st class on rail, and 2nd class steamer and rail, also Steamer Fare and Rates to other places, quoted on application.

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Hongkong, November 11, 1891. 2126

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, OCTOBER 1, 1891.—THURSDAY, Oct. 8. Friday, Oct. 9. Saturday, Oct. 10.

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SUPREME COURT: IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION. (Before the Full Court.)

Saturday, Dec. 5.

TANG YOUNG MAD & TANG TUNG SHAN.

This was an application by the defendant in this suit to set aside a judgment of Mr Justice Ackroyd whereby it was found that Tang Kari Ching was the natural and not the adopted son of Tang A Lok. The defendant, under a will left by his father, claimed to be the sole legatee, but it was alleged that the will was a forgery and it was arranged to try the question as to the validity of the will to oppose the grant of probate in solemn form. The question of the plaintiff's relationship was, however, decided by a Judge alone, and the defendant being dissatisfied with the finding, sought to set aside the will on the ground that it was against the weight of evidence; and that certain evidence was improperly rejected. He further stated that a new trial might be obtained on the ground of fresh evidence and that evidence which was rejected should be admitted.

Mr Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Wotton and Deacon, appeared for the appellant; Mr Francis and Mr Phillipson, instructed by Mr Holmes, appearing for the respondent.

The Chief Justice, in the course of a long judgment said the case for the appellant was very ably argued for two whole days by Mr Robinson, but after considering all the numerous points put forward he could not find any reason to suppose that they were sufficient to grant him what he wanted. He had no reason to set aside the verdict.

The Acting Puisne Judge said the case had more difficulty than once remitted presented many difficulties, but after a careful reconsideration of all the evidence he was unable to come to the conclusion that the finding at which he arrived was against the weight of evidence.

The motion was therefore dismissed, with costs.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting Puisne Judge.)

IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES ALFRED TOMES.

The bankrupt came up for his last examination. Mr Hastings (of Messrs. Wotton and Deacon's office) appeared for the bankrupt, and said that he was allowed to pay his last examination and that a day be fixed for his discharge. No objection was made by the creditors' assignee, Mr. R. G. Frickel & Co.

The following was the report of the Official Assignee:—The bankrupt, Charles Alfred Tomes, was a junior partner of the late firm of Russell & Co., and was the said Charles Alfred Tomes, a natural scholar whose hair had turned grey in his profession and whose untiring wisdom walks in the world with the noble simplicity of his life. It was difficult to buy such talent as this, as it is hard to pay for it. It is well nigh impossible for the most captious to find a flaw in this production, it would be because it is simply too good, too perfect. Its very clearness and brilliancy blind the vision of the commonplace observer, and therefore we see a small knot of interested but uneducated shareholders beg you to favor to kindly bring certain portions of it down to the level of our comprehension, and to explain certain points which at present our united intellect is unable to fathom.

We ask this, not in idle curiosity, nor even with a view of exploiting matters so far above us, but simply because we consider the subject of state of grave importance to us, as it doth to a company to whom we are about to commit a portion of our management.

That residents who have followed the discussions held on prison discipline for the last fifteen or twenty years will remember the floods of words and sentiment which were wasted on this subject in years gone by.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE SHARE TRICKS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

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PHYSICAL TRAINING.

(See MORAL MACKENZIE, IN THE
New Review.)

When is it safe to begin training? The answer is, when growth is at its completest, when the body is able to bear the strain put on its resources by the increased work it has to do under training. Before the eighteenth year, the shafts of the limb bones are not fully ossified, and it is not till a somewhat later period that the upper and lower portions of these bones, which develop separately, become firmly soldered to the shaft. Even after that growth still goes on, and the bony framework of the body is not fully consolidated till between the twenty-fifth and thirtieth years. The heart, lungs, and other organs do not attain their full development till about

the same period; the greatest progressive growth taking place between the eighteenth and twenty-fifth years. From these data it may be concluded that no severe course of athletic training should ever be undertaken before the age of eighteen at least, and that a prolonged effort requiring endurance as well as strength, such as long marches and other fatigues of a campaign, should be undertaken before twenty. Even at that age rapid training for an athletic contest of any severity should not be undertaken without a warranty of soundness having first been obtained from a medical man.

The mention of campaigning in connection with the subject under consideration naturally suggests certain reflections at to

the present condition of our army. Speaking, as I do, merely as a doctor, I do not expect the military authorities to listen to me—they have disregarded the advice of very large proportion of whom have not, at the time of their enlistment, reached their maturity in growth, nor complete development as regards the bones, the muscles, and the internal solid organs of their bodies, especially the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys. It is demonstrable that this physical immaturity most seriously affects the efficiency of these lads as regards their staying powers, and as regards their qualifications beyond the average of civilians of the same age to withstand disease. I can only echo the words of the late Dr Parkes, who may almost be called the father of military hygiene, when

he says: "There is no doubt that to send young lads of eighteen to twenty into the field is not only a lamentable waste of material but is positive cruelty. At that age such soldiers, as Napoleon said, merely strew the roadside and fill the hospitals."

The most effective armies have been those in which the youngest soldiers have been twenty-two years of age.

Fortunately we have had nothing but 'little wars' on our hands for many years, or the truth of these remarks would no doubt have received some mournful illustrations.

Even in our conflict with savages, however, the personnel of our army has not always been equal to the task it gave great advantage. I am afraid that old Cossack warriors or the fanatical spontaneity of the Sudan would have made short work of the wily boys—how different from the bold yeomen whose limbs were made in England who in old days did battle for their country's honour!—whom we sent against them, if they had fought on anything like equal terms. I am not decrying the poor lads, who did their best, and at any rate knew how to die heroically as the most seasoned veterans. They had plenty of pluck; it was not their fault that they were deficient in stamina. It is devoutly to be hoped, however, that our alters and hearths may have stronger arms than those to defend them if we are ever again engaged in a great European war.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, Saturday, Noon, 5th December, 1891.

STOCKS.	Capital.	No. of Shares.	Paid-up.	Reserve & Working Account.	Last Dividend and when paid.	Closing Quotations.
Banks.						
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 10,000,000	80,000	\$ 125	\$ 6,300,000	30/- for 4-year ending 30/6/91, Aug. 24, 91	169 1/2 prem., sales
Bank of China, Japan & Straits, Do. New issue, [Ltd.]	\$ 1,000,000	99,875	25/-	\$ 100,000	4/- per share, Feb. 14, 91	\$183, sales and buyers
Do. Founders	\$ 1,000,000	100,000	2	2,111.15.2	First year.	\$132, sales and buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 10,000 A shill. £100	1,250	2	2	First year.	216, sellers
Do. Do. (Founders)	\$ 1,000,000	750 founders	1	1	First year.	374 1/2 dir. for 'B' shares on £4.10/ \$230, sellers
Marines Insurances.						
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	\$ 2,500,000	10,000	\$ 25	\$ 800,000	26 per cent. for 1890, Oct. 12, 91	\$62, sales
China Trades Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	24,000	\$ 25	\$ 700,000	18 per cent. for year ending 31/4/90, Sept. 18, 91	\$62, sales and sellers
North China Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,000,000	5,000	\$ 50	110,000	10 per cent. for 1889	Tls. 260, buyers
Yangtze Insur. Association, Ltd.	\$ 800,000	8,000	\$ 100	455,131.46	33 per share for 1889, March 12, 90	Tls. 74, buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	\$ 2,500,000	10,000	\$ 40	430,425.19	500,000 dual div. 4% making 14% for 1890, Oct. 23, 91	\$106, sales
Straits Insurance Co. Ltd.	\$ 3,000,000	30,000	\$ 20	511,107	25,000/5 per cent. for year ending 31/12/90, July 4, 91	\$18, sellers
Fire Insurances.						
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	8,000	\$ 50	1,000,000	\$18 per share for 1889, March 9, 91	\$325
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	20,000	\$ 20	744,400	30 per cent. for 1889, Feb. 28, 91	\$91, sales
Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 2,000,000	20,000	\$ 20	90,000	32 per cent. for 1889, March 27, 91	\$16, buyers
Singapore Insurance Co., Ltd.	\$ 8,000,000	30,000	\$ 20	106,840.55	37,682.78	\$11 1/2, sellers
Shipping.						
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steam-boat Co., Limited	\$ 1,600,000	80,000	\$ 20	360,000	4 per cent. for 4-year ending 30/6/91, Aug. 1, 91	\$34 1/2, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Limited	\$ 1,200,000	60,000	\$ 10	311.10	24 per cent. for 1890, June 1, 91	25 1/2 % discount, sales and sellers
China & Manilla S. S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 250,000	5,000	\$ 50	882.6	25,000	\$50, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,000,000	20,000	\$ 50	1,974.47	200,000/5 per cent. for year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 28, 91	\$39, sellers
China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.	\$ 242,000	12,145	\$ 15	86,000	Int. div. of 2 1/2 prem. for 8 months to 30/6/91, Oct. 14, 91	\$15, sellers
Do. Do. new issue	\$ 120,000	6,000	11	2,384.17.5	Int. div. of 2 1/2 prem. for 8 months to 30/6/91, Oct. 14 and 24, 91	\$11, sellers, par, nominal
Steam Launch Company, Ltd.	\$ 100,000	2,000	\$ 30	none	3 per cent. for 4-year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 1, 91	1,278.66
Refineries.						
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,500,000	15,000	\$ 100	none	Int. div. \$6 per share, Aug. 28, 91	\$176, sellers
Imperial Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 700,000	7,000	\$ 100	none	\$8 per share for 1890, March 28, 91	\$56, sellers
Mining.						
Ponjoung Dus Samantan Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 600,000	60,000	\$ 10	none	7 per cent. for 4-year ending 5/8/91, Oct. 15, 91	\$2, sales
Societe Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Frs. 4,000,000	8,000	Fr. 500	Fr. 19,302.31	7 per cent. for 4-year ending 5/8/91, Oct. 15, 91	\$275, sales
Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited	\$ 575,000	116,000	\$ 2	none	7 per cent. for 4-year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 1, 91	40 cents, sales and sellers
Inuria Mines, Limited	\$ 200,000	200,000	\$ 1	none	First year	\$1, sellers
Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 150,000	18,000	\$ 10	Dr. \$17,076	none	93 1/2, buyers nominal
Jeliba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 225,000	45,000	\$ 5	none	7 per cent. for 4-year ending 5/8/91, Oct. 15, 91	\$44, buyers
Raub Australian Syndicate, Ltd.	\$ 1,000,000	1,000,000	17/11	4,705	60 cents, sellers	30 1/2, sellers
Societe Francaise des Houilles de Touraine	Frs. 4,000,000	4,000	Fr. 500	Fr. 12,412.11	30 % div., sellers	80 % prem., buyers
Docks, Wharves & Godowns.						
Hongkong & Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 1,662,500	12,500	\$ 125	none	7 per cent. for 4-year ending Aug. 25, 91	\$65, sales and sellers
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited	\$ 1,000,000	20,000	\$ 50	52,605.68	Int. div. 4 per cent., August 4, 91	par, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Limited	\$ 261,000	2,600	\$ 371	2,585.92	First year.	
Land, Hotels & Building.						
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Ltd.	\$ 6,000,000	60,000	\$ 50	1,250,000	Int. div. \$2 per share, August 1, 91	\$74, sellers
Kowloon Land & Building Company, Ltd.	\$ 300,000	6,000	\$ 30	none	881.64	\$10, sellers
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 625,000	12,500	\$ 40	1,546.66	Int. div. 60 cents, July 20, 91	\$25, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited	\$ 300,000	6,000	\$ 50	82.07	4 per cent. for 4-year ending 30/6/91, Sept. 7, 91	\$50, sellers
Austin Arms Hotel & Building Company, Limited	\$ 200,000	4,000	\$ 50	2,881.53	50 cents p. share, 4-year end. 30/6/91, Sept. 7, 91	\$37 1/2, sellers
Peak Hotel & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 200,000	4,000	\$ 50	6,787.43	none	\$8, sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Ltd.	\$ 100,000	1,000	\$ 100	Dr. \$4,329.64	In liquidation	\$200 buyers
Do. New Issue	\$ 150,000	1,500	\$ 100	20,00	14 per cent. for 1890, April 17, 91	\$10, sellers
Miscellaneous.						
Green Island Cement Company Limited	\$ 1,000,000	20,000	\$ 50	Dr. \$50,173.79	none	\$10, sellers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.; in liquidation	\$ 750,000	7,500	\$ 55	Dr. \$3,488.91	none	\$10, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 500,000	40,000	\$ 10	140,000	Int. Div. 7 per cent. for 1891, Nov. 5, 91	\$19, sellers
Hongkong Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 400,000	2,000	\$ 5	none	6 per cent. for 1890, April 1, 91	par nominal
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited	\$ 300,000	6,000	\$ 50	none	Int. div. \$2 per share, Sept. 8, 91	\$40, sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 300,000	30,000	\$ 8	none	1,472.50	\$6, sales
Lubuk Planting Co., Limited	\$ 250,000	5,000	\$ 50	Dr. \$6,970.70	none	\$5, sellers
Hongkong & China Old Issue Gas Co., Limited	\$ 50,000	1,000	\$ 10	Dr. \$2,427.22	none	\$130, nominal
HK. Rope Manufactory Co., Ltd.	\$ 150,000	3,000	\$ 50	1,934.14.8	10 per cent. for 1890, and 2 1/2 per cent. bonus, April 9, 91	\$108, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	\$ 160,000	6,000	\$ 25	6,119.60	\$6 per share for 1890, March 24, 91	\$14, sellers
Hongkong Ice Co., Limited	\$ 125,000	5,000	\$ 25	1,000.77 per cent. for 1890, March 31, 91	3,800.75	\$80, sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramway Company, Limited	\$ 125,000	1,250	\$ 100	none	Int. div. 8 per cent., Aug. 10, 91.	\$60, sales and sellers
Hongkong British & Cement Company, Limited	\$ 100,000	4,000	\$ 21.50	none	214.55	\$10, nominal
Dairy Farm Co., Limited	\$ 100,000	10,000	\$ 10	none	\$44,114.18	\$7, sellers
Gruenkank & Co., Limited	\$ 80,000	1,600	\$ 50	none	333.58	nominal
H'kong & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 30,000	600	\$ 50	none	546	\$70, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	\$ 12,000	1,200	\$ 10	none	793.07	\$6, sellers
Loans to Imperial Chinese Government.						
Agents for the Loan.						
Chinese Imperial Govt. 8% Silver Loan 1884 C.	H. K. & Shai Banking Co.	\$1,694,700	Hongkong Currency.	\$6		